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**IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FIFTH APPELLATE DISTRICT**

THE PEOPLE,

Plaintiff and Respondent,

v.

LARRY EDWIN EDWARDS, JR.,

Defendant and Appellant.

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(Super. Ct. No. BF136590A)

OPINION

THE COURT*

APPEAL from a judgment of the Superior Court of Kern County. Michael G. Bush, Judge.

Deborah Prucha, under appointment by the Court of Appeal, for Defendant and Appellant.

Office of the State Attorney General, Sacramento, California, for Plaintiff and Respondent.

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* Before Levy, Acting P.J., Cornell, J. and Gomes, J.

Appellant, Larry Edwin Edwards, Jr., pled no contest to lewd and lascivious conduct with a child under the age of 14 (Pen. Code, § 288, subd. (a)) and was sentenced to the mitigated term of three years. Following independent review of the record pursuant to *People v. Wende* (1979) 25 Cal.3d 436 (*Wende*), we affirm.

FACTS

On November 10, 2010, Kern County sheriff's deputies began investigating a report that Edwards was sexually molesting his nine-year-old stepdaughter. According to the victim, when her mother was at work Edwards would send her two brothers outside to play or do chores and he would keep her inside. Edwards would then have her orally copulate him or he would sodomize the victim or have intercourse with her. The abuse occurred from 2005 through 2010.

On October 17, 2011, the district attorney filed an information charging Edwards with two counts each of sexual intercourse or sodomy with a child who is 10 years old or younger (counts 1 & 2/§ 288.7, subd. (a)), oral copulation or sexual penetration of a child who is 10 years old or younger (counts 3 & 4/§ 288.7, subd. (b)), and two counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child under the age of 14 (counts 5 & 6).

On February 12, 2012, Edwards entered his plea in exchange for the dismissal of the remaining counts and a stipulated three-year term.

On March 13, 2012, the court sentenced Edwards to a three-year term pursuant to his plea agreement.

Edwards's appellate counsel has filed a brief which summarizes the facts, with citations to the record, raises no issues, and asks this court to independently review the record. (*Wende, supra*, 25 Cal.3d 436.) Edwards has not responded to this court's invitation to submit additional briefing.

Following an independent review of the record we find that no reasonably arguable factual or legal issues exist.

DISPOSITION

The judgment is affirmed.